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HORMONE

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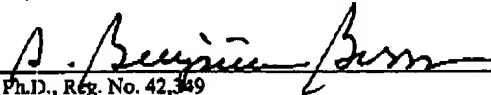
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 5, 2006, a shortened period for reply was set to expire on October 5, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time for replying to the Office Action up to and including November 5, 2006.

X Applicant(s) hereby claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)	Extended Month
<u>  X  </u> \$ 120.00/\$ 60.00	First
<u>      </u> \$ 450.00/\$225.00	Second
<u>      </u> \$1,020.00/\$510.00	Third
<u>      </u> \$1,590.00/\$795.00	Fourth
<u>      </u> \$2,160.00/\$1,080.00	Fifth

TOTAL PETITION FEE \$60.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- X   A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.
- X   "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.
- X   Other: Transmittal Letter, Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, Authorization to use Deposit Account No: 06-1325.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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